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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

This application is under final rejection. Applicant has presented arguments below that Applicant believes should render the claims allowable. In the event, however, that the Examiner is not persuaded by Applicant's arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the response to clarify issues upon appeal.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 23, 2001.

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